them, to regulate, ascertain and fix, from time to time, the price or sum to be charged or taken by said company, for receiving, weighing, delivering and storage of merchandise, produce and other articles, and for the transportation of any single bale, box or parcel of merchandise, or other articles, not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds weight ; Provided, that nothing herein Proviso. contained shall be construed to prevent the General Assembly of Maryland from altering, fixing and controlling said price or prices so charged, whenever it may think fit or necessary.

Sec. 14. And be it enacted, That nothing contain- Land, &c. ed in this act shall authorise the said company to use not to be used by company, or occupy any land or other property for the purposes without just of said company, without just compensation, as agreed compensation upon between said company and the owner or owners of such lands or other property, or awarded by a jury, being first paid or tendered to the party or parties enti-

tled to such compensation.

SEC. 15. And be it enacted, That the said company Additional shall be entitled to charge and take for the transportation transportation tion of any parcel or article on such rail road or roads, any distance whatsoever, ten cents, and a like sum for taking up and setting down any person who shall travel a distance not exceeding eight miles, in addition to the charge of three cents per mile for the conveyance of such person.

Sec. 16. And be it enacted, That the Legislature Reservation. reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal this act at pleasure.

CHAPTER 220.

AN ACT granting the County Commissioners of the Passed May several counties of this State the power to open, alter 17, 1853. and close roads in their respective counties:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly Authority to of Maryland, That the county commissioners of the open roads. several counties of this State, be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to open, alter or close any public road or roads, in their respective counties, according to the provisions of this act.